

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

9. (new) A method for operating a coin actuated entertainment automat comprising
- placing a coin into a coin acceptance device of an entertainment automat;
- testing the coin in a coin testing device;
- displaying symbols on a symbol display device, wherein a displayed symbol combination comprises several symbols and wherein upon reaching of a predetermined symbol combination or upon reaching of a predetermined credit balance in a credit balance counter disposed on the side of the control unit in the following a symbol combination is displayed with the symbol display device;
- controlling the course of the game with a control unit including a microcomputer and a pseudorandom number generator;
- influencing the course of the game by an operational element disposed on the front side of the entertainment automat;
- substituting a symbol by another randomly determined symbol;

renewing the symbols within a predetermined time window until a winning carrying symbol combination is reached;
accumulating the obtained winning in a credit balance counter; and
switching simultaneously the coin actuated entertainment automats disposed in the network into a common supplemental game when a predetermined value of a common jackpot is surpassed.